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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-15 (*Canceled*).

Claim 16 (*Currently Amended*): The method of claim ~~15~~23 wherein the animal is a dog.

Claim 17 (*Previously Presented*): The method of claim 16 wherein the mannoheptulose is at least partially derived from avocado.

Claims 18-21 (*Canceled*).

Claim 22 (*Currently Amended*): The method of claim ~~12~~23 wherein the mannoheptulose is at least partially derived from avocado.

Claim 23 (*New*): A method of lowering body temperature in an animal comprising oral administration of an effective amount of a composition comprising mannoheptulose to the animal, wherein the effective amount is from about 0.001 grams of mannoheptulose per kg of the animal to about 1 g of mannoheptulose per kg of the animal.